

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
OCTOBER 6, 1954

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, October 6, 1954; Councilmen Hughes, Mitchell, Richey, Robinson and Fuller (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Mullen also present.

Minutes of the previous meetings of August 18, 1954, September 1, 1954 and September 15, 1954 were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

U.S.DAY	Letter from United States Day Committee, Inc., announcing that United States Day will be observed nationally on October 23, 1954, and asking that the Mayor issue a proclamation observing United States Day in the City of Lodi. Mayor Fuller indicated he would comply with the request.
COORDINATING COUNCIL APPROVES PARKING LOT	Letter from the Lodi Coordinating Council, complimenting the City Council on the installation of the parking lot on the Southern Pacific Company property on North Sacramento Street. The letter also asked that further consideration be given to the planting of shrubs on the lot. The letter further congratulated the City Council on its stand regarding rummage sales on public parking lots and streets.
CVD,LCC MEETING	Letter from the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities reminding the City Council of the quarterly meeting of the Division to be held in the City of Patterson on October 7, 1954.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CENTRAL AVE. PLANTING STRIPS	Mayor Fuller called for those in the audience wishing to be heard on the question of the removal of the planting strips in the center of Central Avenue between Pine and Locust Streets to state their views. Mr. Jacob Nies, representing the Salem Evangelical Church at the corner of Elm Street and Central Avenue, protested the removal of the planting strips. He stated that the Church maintained its strip and would continue to do so. He also pointed out that the strip serves as a safety zone for those people crossing Central Avenue. Mr. Nies agreed to contact residents of the area and signers of the petition presented to the City Council at its September 15, 1954 meeting with the view of working out an arrangement whereby the planting strips could be retained to everyone's satisfaction. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Richey second, the Council voted to lay the matter over for further consideration.
FAIRMONT AVE. LIGHTING DIST. RES. #1842 ADOPTED	The hearing on the assessments for the Fairmont Avenue Street Lighting District, continued from the September 1, 1954 meeting was again opened by the Mayor. Mr. Weller reported that the necessary corrections had been made and the job was ready for acceptance. There being no further protests, Resolution No. 1842, Approving the Assessment, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Mitchell second.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

ANNUAL AUDIT	Mr. Weller reported that the auditor had submitted his report on the independent audit and copies had been furnished to each of the councilmen.
SPECS BUSINESS COUPE	Specifications for a business coupe to be purchased for use by the Engineering Department were presented by the City Manager. Specifications provide for the trade-in of a 1950 Ford business coupe. The specifications were approved on the motion of Councilman Hughes, Mitchell second.
STAHL CONTRACT EXTENDED	Mr. Weller presented a recommendation from the City Engineer that the contract with Arthur J. Stahl for the construction of the sewer plant expansion be extended to December 1, 1954. Mr. Weller explained that the construction had been delayed due to delay in receipt of equipment which the City had purchased independently of the contractor. Extension of the contract until December 1, 1954 was approved on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Richey second.
CLAIMS	Claims in the amount of \$160,195.29 were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Richey second.
PENSION BOARD	The City Manager reported that the newly constituted Pension Board met on September 22, 1954 to consider the recommendation of the fifth member. It is the recommendation of the Board that Mr. Robert Hillman be appointed as the fifth member. The City Council concurred in the appointment on the motion of Councilman Richey, Robinson second.
ORD. NO. 516 INTRODUCED HUTCHINS ST. SPEED LIMIT	Mr. Weller reported that a traffic survey had been conducted on South Hutchins Street by the Police Department. As a result of this survey the Police Chief recommends that the speed limit be designated at 35 miles per hour, but the survey indicated that the enforcement of this speed limit would be difficult. He also explained that the street was wide enough to accommodate the higher speed, particularly since there was a relatively small number of intersecting streets on the undeveloped west side of the street. Mr. Weller further recommended that the east-west alley in Block 6 of the City of Lodi be designated one-way to westbound traffic. He explained that he had a request from St. Anne's School for parking space to enable parents to pick up the students during rainy weather. Mr. Weller explained further that it did not appear feasible to allocate space for this purpose on Pleasant Avenue because of the narrow width of the street. He stated that he felt a one-way alley just south of the school would be the best solution to the school's problem. Ordinance No. 516, entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 493, entitled 'An Ordinance of the City of Lodi Regulating Traffic Upon the Public Streets and Repealing Ordinances Nos. 64, 137, 222, 233, 446, and All Other Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith'", was then introduced on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Richey second.
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL ALLEY	
KNOLL SUBD. ALLEY ORD. NO. 517 INTRODUCED	The City Manager reported that the City Attorney had been informed by Mr. James Harrah that he wished to withdraw his objection to the abandonment of the west 224 feet of the alley in the Knoll Subdivision between Rimby Avenue and Tamarack Drive. Ordinance No. 517, entitled "Declaring the Intention

of the City Council of the City of Lodi to Vacate a Portion of the Alley in Knoll Subdivision in the City of Lodi", was then introduced on the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second.

NAVY LEASE
TERMINATED

Mr. Weller presented a proposed agreement with the 12th Naval District providing for the cancellation of the Navy's lease of City-owned property on North Stockton Street. Mr. Weller explained that the agreement provided for the offer of the quonset hut to the City in lieu of restoring the property to its original condition. Mr. Weller recommended acceptance of the terms offered by the Navy. On the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Richey second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1843, authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the 12th Naval District.

BUS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations of the Mayor's Bus Committee were presented in the form of a written report from H.J. Tolliver, Chairman. The Committee recommended that:

"1. Action be taken immediately by the City Council to authorize an increase in adult single fares from 15¢ to 20¢, that the single fare for children under 12 years remain at 10¢, and that all multiple fares or 'commute books' at reduced rates be discontinued.

"2. The 'Lodi News-Sentinel' be commended for its offer to solicit bus advertising without charge and that this offer be accepted. Such advertising should be sold at reasonable cost and on the basis of commitments of at least six months.

"3. The City Council establish a 'deadline' approximately 90 days following action on the fare schedule, by which time the company should be required to demonstrate the assurance of at least \$75 per month in advertising revenue for at least six months.

"4. A careful review of the existing company routes should be made with the objective of reducing, if possible, the number of miles travelled in areas where service requirements are small."

Councilman Richey stated that she understood Mr. Mehrer wished to include all students at the children's fare. Councilman Robinson suggested that the age for children's tickets be changed from 12 to 18 years of age. Councilman Robinson then moved that the Transit Company be authorized an increase in adult fares to 20¢; that children under 18 years of age be charged 10¢; that said changes become effective October 15, 1954; and that within 90 days from October 15, 1954 the Transit Company be required to show that it has income from advertising of at least \$75.00 a month, which amount will be paid six months in advance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mitchell and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Fuller then thanked the Bus Committee for its efforts and asked that the committee continue for another 90 days to effectuate recommendation No. 4 above.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

TERMS OF ROTT AND WALTER Mr. Weller read the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission of September 22, 1954. The terms of Mr. Walter and Mr. Rott were determined by lot with the following result: Mr. Walter to serve the term terminating June 30, 1955 and Mr. Rott serving the term terminating June 30, 1956.

ORD. NO. 514 ADOPTED AMENDS TRAFFIC ORD. ORDINANCE NO. 514, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LODI AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 493, ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LODI REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NUMBERS 64, 137, 222, 233, 446, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH'", having been introduced at the regular meeting of September 15, 1954 was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Richey, Hughes second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell, Richey, Robinson and Fuller
 NOES: Councilmen - None
 ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Mayor Fuller then signed Ordinance No. 514 in approval thereof.

SAFEGWAY
 STORE
 STREET
 WIDENING

Councilman Robinson pointed out that the action taken August 18, 1954 regarding the widening of East Lodi Avenue on the Safeway Store property provided for moving the curb within five feet of the property line. He suggested that this would not be consistent with the decision calling for moving the curb back five feet from its present location along the north side of the street from the Southern Pacific Company's right of way to Cherokee Lane. He then moved, Richey second, that the action of August 18, 1954 be amended to authorize the movement of the curb north of its present location for a distance of five feet, thus providing a policy of a uniform five foot widening on the north side of the street from Cherokee Lane to the Southern Pacific Company's right of way. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

On the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second, the meeting was then adjourned until 8 p.m. of October 20, 1954.

ATTEST:

Henry A. Glaves, Jr.
 HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
 City Clerk